

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

### H 3795 General Bill, By Allison

#### Summary: Sign Language Interpreters Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIED LEVEL OF COMPETENCE FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS USED BY CERTAIN ENTITIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITAL SYSTEMS, TO PROVIDE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING AND HAVE CERTAIN SPEECH IMPAIRMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-33-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS FOR THE APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALING OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN PUBLIC AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF WORKING IN SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THIS STATE TO SUBMIT THE SAME BACKGROUND CHECKS AS EDUCATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 15-27-15, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FOR PARTIES OR WITNESSES WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

02/02/21	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 50)
02/02/21	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 50)
03/18/21	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 3)
04/06/21	House	Amended (House Journal-page 48)
04/06/21	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 48)
04/06/21	House	Roll call Yeas-78 Nays-35 (House Journal-page 50)
04/07/21	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 10)
04/07/21	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)
04/07/21	Senate	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 7)